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Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife

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Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge Announces that March Feral Hog Control Hunt will be cancelled.

The Bayou Cocodrie NWR has announced that the Special Feral Hog Hunt scheduled for March 3-18, 2007 will be cancelled due to a current federal court ruling. Bayou Cocodrie NWR will be revising their hunt plans and submitting additional documents for hunt approval. The refuge anticipates on scheduling this hunt during the 2007/2008 hunt season once all hunt documents and court rulings are complete. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call the refuge headquarters.

For additional information or to obtain a refuge brochure, please contact the refuge headquarters at P.O. Box 1772, Ferriday, LA 71334 or by phone at (318) 336-7119.

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